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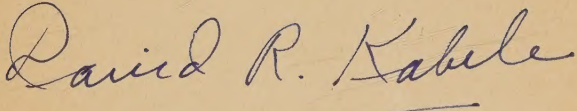

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## A NOTE

This little book contains references in the Bible to Business Transactions and Occupations and is compiled with the following objects in view:

1—To create increased interest in Bible Study on the part of not only the home folks but also business people and workers of all kinds, both young and old.

2—To provide a Book of Reference on the subject of business matters mentioned in Scripture, classified under various headings for the use not only of teachers, preachers and students but also of men engaged in Commerce or in Trade.

3—To suggest subjects for Bible classes and also for lecturers and preachers.

4—To remind our readers that Christ Himself probably followed the occupation of a Carpenter (Mark 6:3) previous to his public ministry and also that by His example and precept raised labor to a greater dignity and to higher honor. Whilst honest

labor is essential to the well being of both body and mind, our Saviour taught us a more important business than that of simply earning our daily bread: "For what shall it profit a man (or a woman) if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49. To those over-anxious about providing for their daily needs, He said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

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## CHAPTER I

### *Maxims for Business Men*

The Bible's successful men say:

*Solomon:* Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before Kings; he shall not stand before mean men.—Prov. 22, 29.

*Paul:* Be not slothful in business; fervent in spirit: serving the Lord.—Rom. 12, 11.

*David:* A good man will guide his affairs with discretion.—Ps. 112, 5.

*Paul:* Let no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter.—I Thess. 4, 6.

*The Author of Ecclesiastes:* Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might for there is no work . . . in the grave whither thou goest.—Eccles. 9, 10.

*Paul:* Do your own business, and . . . work with your own hands.—I Thess. 4, 11.

Render to all their dues . . . owe no man anything, but to love one another.—Rom. 13, 7-8.

*David:* The King's business requireth haste.—I Sam. 21, 8.

Be strong and of good courage . . . fear not; . . . until thou hast finished all the work.—I Chron. 28, 20.

*Moses:* Six days shalt thou do thy work and on the seventh day thou shalt rest.—Ex. 23, 12.

*Isaiah:* He that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, . . . He shall dwell on high: bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure.—Isai. 33, 15-16.

*Moses:* Thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, . . . a perfect and just measure; that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Deut. 25, 15.

*Paul:* Ye Masters, do the same (good) things unto them (your servants) . . . forbearing threatenings. —Eph. 6, 9.

This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.—II Thess. 3, 10.

*John The Baptist:* (to Tax Inspectors) Exact no more than that which is appointed you.—Luke 3, 13.

*Our Creator and Master:* Thou shalt not steal.—Ex. 20, 15.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.—Ex. 20, 16.

Points out the way to prosperity and success in Joshua 1, 6-8.

Ye shall have just balances.—Ezek. 45, 10.

*Christ:* Swear not at all . . . But let your communication be, Yea, nay: for whatsoever is more than these, cometh of evil.—Matt. 5, 34-37.

I must be about My Father's business.—Luke 2, 49.

I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work.—John 9, 4.

## CHAPTER II

### *Occupations Mentioned in the Bible—General*

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| What is thine occupation? | Jonah 1, 8 |
| In all labour there is profit. | Prov. 14, 23 |
| He that waiteth on his master shall be honoured. | Prov. 27, 18 |
| Let them dwell in the land and trade therein. | Gen. 34, 21 |
| How much every man had gained by trading. | Luke 19, 15 |
| There are workmen with thee in abundance, . . . all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. | I Chron. 22, 15 |
| One to his farm, another to his merchandise. | Matt. 22, 5 |

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| Apothecary | Neh. 3, 8; Eccles. 10, 1; Ex. 30, 25, 35 |
| Astrologer | Isaiah 47, 12-13; Dan. 1, 19-20 |

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| Author | Eccles. 12, 12 |
| Baker | Gen. 40, 16-22 |
| Barber | Judges 16, 19 |
| Beggar | Luke 16, 20; Acts 3, 2 |
| Builder (see separate chapter) | |
| Blacksmith | I Sam. 13, 19; Isaiah 44, 12; 54, 16 |
| Birdcatcher | Ps. 124, 7; Eccles. 9, 12 |
| Butler | Gen. 40, 9-13 |
| Carrier | II Chron. 2, 18; I Kings 5, 15 |
| Carpenter | Isaiah 44, 13; II Chron. 24, 12; Mark 6, 3 |
| Caterer | I Kings 4, 27 |
| Cattle Merchant | Ezek. 27, 21 |
| Conjurer (see Magician) | |
| Cook | I Sam. 9, 23-24 |
| Coachman | I Sam. 17, 22 |
| Coppersmith | II Tim. 4, 14 |
| Cupbearer | Neh. 1, 11; I Kings 10, 5 |
| Drover (see Herdman) | |
| Embalmer | Gen. 50, 2 |
| Evangelist | II Tim. 4, 5 |
| Fisherman | Mark 1, 16 |
| Fuller (Bleacher) | Isaiah 7, 3 |
| Goldsmith | Neh. 3, 8; Isaiah 40, 19; 46, 6 |
| Grapegatherer, etc. | Jer. 49, 9; Amos 9, 13; Obad. 5 |

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| Hewer of rock and wood | Deut. 29, 11; Josh. 9, 21-23; I Kings 5, 15; II Chron. 2, 18 |
| Jailer | Acts 16, 23, 27 |
| Lawyer | Titus 3, 13; Luke 10, 25; 11, 46 |
| Magistrate | Judges 18, 7 |
| Magician | Ex. 7, 10-12 |
| Manservant | Jer. 34, 9 |
| Merchants (see separate chapter) | |
| Musician | Rev. 18, 22 |
| Overseer | II Chron. 2, 18 |
| Physician | Col. 4, 14 |
| Porters | Neh. 7, 1; Ezra 2, 70 |
| Postman (Messenger) | II Chron. 30, 6; II Kings 19, 14 |
| Potter | Jer. 18, 1-4; Zech. 11, 13 |
| Publican (Collector of Customs) | Matt. 9, 9; 18, 17; 10, 3; Mark 2, 15 |
| Purple Seller | Acts 16, 14 |
| Runners | I Sam. 8, 11 |
| Salesman | Neh. 13, 20 |
| Scribe | Ezra 7, 6; Esther 3, 12 |
| Shepherd (see Chapter on Farmers) | |
| Singer | Neh. 7, 1; Ezra 2, 65 |
| Slave dealer | Ex. 21, 2-6; Rev. 18, 13 |
| Smith (see Chapter on Arts and Crafts) | |
| Soldier | Luke 3, 14; 7, 8; Acts 23, 23 |
| Tanner | Acts 10, 6 |

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| Tentmaker | Acts 18, 3 |
| Thief or Robber | Obad. 5; II Cor. 11, 26; John 18, 40; 10, 8 |
| Watchman | II Kings 9, 17; Song Sol. 3, 3 |
| Weaver | Job 7, 6; Ex. 35, 35 |
| Writer | Judges 5, 14; Esther 8, 9-10 |

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Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Eccles. 9, 10.

## CHAPTER III

### *Occupations for Women*

This woman was full of good works. Acts 9, 36
Give her of the fruit of her hands and
let her own works praise her. Prov. 31, 31

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| Breadmaking | Jer. 7, 18; I Sam. 8, 13 |
| Builder's Assistant | Neh. 3, 12 |
| Cooking and Confectionery | I Sam. 8, 13 |
| Church Worker | Rom. 16, 1-2 |
| Domestic Service | Gen. 16, 1; Ps. 123, 2; Isaiah 24, 2 |
| Doorkeeper | John 18, 15-17 |
| Gospel Work | Phil. 4, 3 |
| Judge | Judges 4, 3-5 |
| Gleaning | Levit. 19, 9-10; Ruth 2, 2-3 |
| Grinding Corn | Matt. 24, 41 |
| Household Duties | Prov. 31, 15, 27, 28; I Tim. 5, 14 |
| Lady's Maid | Ex. 2, 5; II Kings 5, 2 |
| Maid | Ezra 2, 65; Matt. 26, 71; Jer. 34, 9 |
| Midwife | Gen. 35, 17; Ex. 1, 15 |

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| Mourner (professional) | Jer. 9, 17-18; Amos 5, 16 |
| Needle Work | Prov. 31, 10-24 |
| Nurse | Gen. 24, 59; 35, 8; Ex. 2, 9; II Sam. 4, 4; II Chron. 22, 11; Ruth 4, 16; I Thess. 2, 7 |
| Prophetess | Ex. 15, 20; Judges 4, 4; Luke 2, 36 |
| Saleswoman | Acts 16, 14-15 |
| Shepherdess | Gen. 29, 9 |
| Singer | Eccles. 2, 8; Ezra 2, 65 |
| Soothsaying | Acts 16, 16-18; Deut. 18, 10-12 |
| Spinning | Ex. 35, 25-26 |

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Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord. **Jer. 31, 16.**

## CHAPTER IV

## *Arts and Crafts*

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| By this craft we have our wealth. | Acts 19, 25 |
| He was of the same craft. | Acts 18, 3 |
| A skilful workman. | II Chron. 2, 13-14 |
| The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms. | Isai. 44, 12 |
| They gather silver and brass and iron and lead and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it. | Ezek. 22, 20 |

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| An expert art worker | Ex. 35, 30-35 |
| Workers in gold, silver, brass, stones and timber | Ex. 31, 1-5; II Chron. 2, 7, 14 |
| Brass worker | I Kings 7, 13-14 |
| Engraver in stone | Ex. 28, 11; Ex. 31, 5; II Chron. 2, 7 |

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| Goldsmith | Isaiah 40, 19; Neh. 3, 8, 31 |
| Gold beater | Ex. 39, 3 |
| Silversmith | Acts 19, 24-25; Prov. 25, 4 |
| Stone setter | Ex. 31, 5 |
| Refiner | Prov. 25, 4 |
| Blacksmith | Isai. 44, 12; 54, 16 |
| Artificer in brass and iron | Gen. 4, 22 |
| Coppersmith | II Tim. 4, 14 |
| A land without a blacksmith | I Sam. 13, 19 |

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The fining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold; but the Lord trieth the hearts. Prov. 17, 3.

God as a Refiner. Isaiah 48, 10; Zech. 13, 8-9; Malac. 3, 2-3.

## CHAPTER V

### *In the Country's Service*

I rose up and did the King's business. Daniel 8, 27
The King's business required haste. I Sam. 21, 8
Their Officers that served the King. I Chron. 27, 1
The diligent shall stand before Kings. Prov. 22, 29
In the service of the King. I Chron. 26, 30

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| Chamberlain | Esther 7, 9; Acts 12, 20; Rom. 16, 23 |
| Cupbearer | Neh. 1, 11; I Kings 10, 5 |
| Executioner | I Kings 2, 25, 34, 46 |
| Master of the Household | II Kings 18, 18 |
| Messenger | II Kings 19, 14 |
| Keeper of the wardrobe | II Kings 22, 14 |
| Doorkeeper | I Kings 14, 27; Ps. 84, 10 |
| Scribe or Secretary | II Kings 18, 18; Esther 3, 12; Ezra 4, 8 |
| Recorder | II Kings 18, 18 |
| Treasurer | Isaiah 22, 15; Acts 8, 27; Ezra 7, 21 |

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| Chancellor | Ezra 4, 8 |
| Counsellors | Ezra 7, 14-15; I Chron. 27, 33 |
| Governors and Lieutenants | Ezra 8, 36 |
| Keeper of King's forest | Neh. 2, 8 |
| Town clerk | Acts 19, 35 |

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No man can serve two masters: . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt. 6, 24.

Choose you this day whom ye will serve. Josh. 24, 15.

## CHAPTER VI

### *Merchants*

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| The Merchants and sellers of all kinds of ware. | Neh. 13, 20 |
| The King's Merchants received the linen yarn at a price. | I Kings 10, 28 |
| Merchant Princes. | Isaiah 23, 8 |
| The Merchants were the great men of the earth. | Rev. 18, 23 |
| Thou hast multiplied thy Merchants. | Nahum 3, 16 |
| The Merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her (Babylon) for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. | Rev. 18, 11 |
| The merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans. | Isai. 45, 14 |
| These were thy merchants in all sorts of things. | Ezek. 27, 24 |

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| Brass | Merchant | Ezek. 27, 13 |
| Cattle | " | " 27, 21 |
| Ivory and ebony | " | " 27, 15 |
| Linen and cloth | " | " 27, 16-20; Rev. 18, 12 |

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| Marble | Merchant | Rev. 18, 12 |
| Metal | " | Ezek. 27, 12 |
| Powder | " | Song of Sol. 3, 6 |
| Produce | " | Ezek. 27, 17 |
| Precious stones | " | " 27, 22 |
| Gold and silver | " | Rev. 18, 12 |
| Pearls | " | Matt. 13, 45 |
| Wood | " | Rev. 18, 12 |

Trading in—silver, iron, tin, lead, slaves, vessels, horses, mules, ivory, ebony, emeralds, fine linen, coral, agate, wheat, honey, oil, balm, wine, wool, cassia, calamus, gilt cloth, rams, goats, spices, precious stones, gold, blue cloths, broidered work. Ezek. 27, 12-25.

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Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding; For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, etc. Prov. 3, 13-16.

## CHAPTER VII

### *Farmers*

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| What is your occupation? . . . Thy servants trade hath been about the cattle from our youth. | Gen. 46, 33-34; 47, 1-3 |
| All manner of service in the field. | Ex. 1, 14 |
| He that tilleth the land shall have plenty of bread. | Prov. 28, 19 |
| The profit of the earth is for all; the king himself is served by the field. | Eccles. 5, 9 |
| The sleep of the labouring man is sweet. | Eccles. 5, 12 |
| Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening. | Ps. 104, 23 |
| He loved husbandry. | II Chron. 26, 10 |

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| Harvestmen and reapers | Isaiah 17, 5; Jas. 5, 4; II Kings 4, 18 |

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| Husbandman | II Kings 25, 12; Gen. 9, 20-21; Matt. 21, 33-35 |
| Mowers and binders | Ps. 129, 6-7 |
| Plowman | Ps. 129, 3; Isaiah 28, 24; 61, 5 |
| Gardener | John 20, 15 |
| Reaper | Amos 9, 13 |
| Sower | Matt. 13, 3; Isaiah 55, 10-11; Ps. 126, 6 |
| Threshing instruments and others | II Sam. 24, 22; Amos 1, 3; Isaiah 28, 27 |
| Sowing and threshing described | Isaiah 28, 24-29 |
| A farmer prepares a meal for an angel | Judges 6, 19-21 |

*Stock Raising*

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|---|---|
| (Cattle and Sheep Farming) | Gen. 30, 34-43 |
| Herdman (Drover) | Gen. 13, 7-9; 26, 20-22; I Sam. 21, 7; Amos 7, 14 |
| Shepherd | Gen. 46, 32; 47, 3; Luke 2, 8; Zeph. 2, 6; John 10, 11-14 |
| Sheep shearers | Gen. 38, 12-13; II Sam. 13, 24; I Sam. 25, 2, 11 |
| A large cattle owner | Job. 1, 3; 42, 12 |

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| A plowman gives away his oxen cooked for food | I Kings 19, 20-21 |
| Oxen, etc., to have a weekly rest | Ex. 23, 12 |
| Sheepmaster | II Kings 3, 4 |

*Fruit Orchard*

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| Fruit gatherer | Amos 7, 14 |
| Vineyard keeper | Song of Sol. 1, 6; 8, 11 |
| Vinedressers | Isaiah 61, 5; II Kings 25, 12 |

*Dairyman*

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| Butter making | Prov. 30, 33 |
| A good supply of goats' milk | Prov. 27, 27 |

*Outdoor Occupations*

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| Treefeller | II Kings 3, 25; II Kings 6, 4-5; I Kings 5, 6 |
| Hunter | Gen. 25, 27 |

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Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6, 7.

He saith unto them, the harvest truly is great but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Luke 10, 2.

## CHAPTER VIII

### *Tools and Implements*

If thou lift up thy tool upon it. Ex. 20, 25
There was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard. I Kings 6, 7
Thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them. Deut. 27, 5

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| Tool sharpening | Eccles. 10, 10; I Sam. 13, 19-21 |
| Anvil | Isaiah 41, 7 |
| Axe—a borrowed one | II Kings 6, 5 |
| a boastful one | Isaiah 10, 15 |
| a broken one | Deut. 19, 5. |
| a blunt one | I Sam. 13-20 |
| See also II Sam. 12, 31 and Jer. 10, 3 | |
| Bellows | Jer. 6, 29 |
| Carpenter's rule, line plane and compass | Isaiah 44, 13 |
| File and Fork | I Sam. 13, 21 |
| Fisher's Coat | John 21, 7 |
| Hammer | Judges 4, 21-23; Isaiah 44, 12 |

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| Hammer and Nails | Jer. 10, 4; Isaiah 41, 7; Judges 5, 26 |
| Goad | Judges 3, 31; I Sam. 13, 21 |
| Graving tool | Ex. 32, 4 |
| Mattock (for digging) | Isaiah 7, 25 |
| Pruning hooks | Isaiah 2, 4; 18, 5 |
| Potters' Vessel | Ps. 2, 9; Isaiah 30, 14 |
| Ploughshares | Isaiah 2, 4; Joel 3, 10 |
| Plumline (plummet) | Amos 7, 7-8; Isaiah 28, 17 |
| Shovel and Fan (for winnowing) | Isaiah 30, 24 |
| Sieve | Isaiah 30, 28 |
| Saw | II Sam. 12, 31; Isaiah 10, 15; Heb. 11, 37 |
| Shepherd's rod and staff | Ps. 23, 4 |
| Shepherd's bag | I Sam. 17, 40 |
| Weaver's beam | I Sam. 17, 7; II Sam. 21, 19 |
| Weaver's shuttle | Job 7, 6 |
| Fish hooks | Amos 4, 2 |
| Sickle | Joel 3, 13 |
| Threshing implements | Amos 1, 3; Isai. 28, 27 |
| Tongs (blacksmith's) | Isai. 44, 12 |

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. II Tim. 2, 15.

## CHAPTER IX

### *Workers and Wages*

What shall thy wages be? Gen. 29, 15

Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it. Gen. 30, 28

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| Wages changed ten times | Gen. 31, 7 |
| A wife given as wages | Gen. 29, 15-18 |
| A mother's wages strangely earned | Ex. 2, 5-9 |
| Employer — to pay wages promptly | Levit. 19, 13 |
| Wages—to be fair and just | Malachi 3, 5; Col. 4, 1 |
| Employees — be content with your wages | Luke 3, 14 |
| Employees—take care of your wages | Haggai 1, 6 |
| A happy staff | I Kings 10, 4-8 |
| The young man . . . was industrious . . . he made him ruler | I Kings 11, 28 |

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| Terrible wages | Rom. 6, 23 |
| Sweating | Ex. 1, 8-14; Prov. 22, 16 |
| Workers without wages | Jer. 22, 13 |

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The Son of man shall come . . . and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16, 27.

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6, 23.

## CHAPTER X

### *Manufacturers*

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| A Certain man . . . which made silver shrines. | Acts 19, 24 |
| She maketh fine linen and selleth it, and delivereth girdles unto the merchants. | Prov. 31, 24 |
| He made darts and shields in abundance. | II Chron. 32, 5 |
| He made . . . engines, invented by cunning men . . . to shoot arrows and great stones. | II Chron. 26, 15 |

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| Clothing made from sheepskins | Job 31, 19-22 |
| Harps, pillars, etc. made from almug trees | I Kings 10, 12 |
| Targets and shields made from gold | I Kings 10, 16-17; II Chron. 9, 15 |
| A throne made from ivory | I Kings 10, 18-20; II Chron. 9, 16-19 |

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| Heathen deities made from silver | Acts 19, 24-27; Isai. 44, 9-11 |
| Weaving and embroidering | Ex. 35, 35 |
| Fine linen and girdles | Prov. 31, 24 |
| Flax spinning and weaving | Isai. 19, 9; Prov. 31 13-19 |
| House furnishing | Prov. 24, 3-4 |
| An altar made to pattern | II Kings 16, 10-11 |
| Casting—in silver | Ex. 38, 27-31 |
| A king's chariot, made of wood | Song of Sol. 3, 9-10 |
| Masts—of cedar trees | Ezek. 27, 5-6 |
| Ship boards—of fir trees | " |
| Benches—of ivory | " |
| Oars—of oak trees | " |
| Inventions mentioned | Prov. 8, 12 |

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I have made the earth and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens. Isai. 45, 12.

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven and . . . in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him for him. Col. 1, 16.

## CHAPTER XI

### *Mining*

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| The earth is full of Thy riches. | Ps. 104, 24 |
| The rock poured me out rivers of oil. | Job 29, 6 |
| A land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. | Deut. 8, 9 |

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| Silver mines | Job 28, 1 |
| Iron and brass mines | Deut. 8, 7-9, Job 28, 2 |
| Oil mines | Job 29, 6 |

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Ye that follow after righteousness: . . . look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Isai. 51, 1.

## CHAPTER XII

### *The Navy and Merchant Service*

The King had at sea a Navy. — I Kings 10, 22

Like the merchant ships, she bringeth her food from afar. — Prov. 31, 14

They go down to the sea in ships, that do business, in great waters, there see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep. — Ps. 107, 23-24

Ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by the sea. — Rev. 18, 17

. . . Shipmen that had knowledge of the sea. — I Kings 9, 27

There go the ships. — Ps. 104, 26

A place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither . . . gallant ship. — Isai. 33, 21

Ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur. — Numb. 24, 24; Dan. 11, 30

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| A Shipman and owner | Acts 27, 11; Rev. 18, 17 |
| Oarsmen | Ezek. 27, 26-29 |
| Mariners | " 27, 8; Rev. 18, 17 |
| Pilots | " 27, 8; 28 |
| Shipbuilders | " 27, 5-7, 29 |
| Sailors | Rev. 18, 17 |

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*Shipping News*

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| A cargo of wheat jettisoned | Acts 27, 38 |
| Ambassadors sent by sea | Isaiah 18, 2 |
| Damage to a ship and cargo | Acts 27, 10 |
| A ship aground | Acts 27, 41 |
| A batch of prisoners nearly lost at sea | Acts 27, 37-44 |
| An Italy to Egypt line | Acts 27, 6; Deut. 28, 68 |
| Swift ships | Job 9, 26 |
| A passenger overboard | Jonah 1, 3, 15 |
| Ship havens | Gen. 49, 13; Acts 27, 12 |
| " " —how to reach them | Ps. 107, 23, 30 |
| Gold shipment prevented by ships breaking up | I Kings 22, 48; II Chron. 20, 35-37 |
| Seeing a passenger off | Acts 20, 38 |

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| Unloading a ship | Acts 21, 3 |
| A ship's sign | Acts 28, 11 |

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They cry unto the Lord in their trouble and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still . . . So he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Ps. 107, 28-30.

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*The Fishing Industry*

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| For they were Fishers | Matt. 4, 18-19 |
| The harvest of the river is her revenue | Isaiah 23, 3. |
| Fisherman | Isaiah 19, 8; Mark 1, 16, 17; Jno. 21, 3-11 |
| A Fishing partnership | Luke 5, 5-10 |
| Masts . . oars . . sail . . mariners . . pilots . . calkers | Ezek. 27, 5-9 |
| Fishing net repairs | Matt. 4, 21 |
| Tacklings . . mast . . sail | Isai. 33, 23 |

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Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Matt. 4, 19.

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## CHAPTER XIII

### *Builders and Building*

For the builders every one . . . so builded. Neh. 4, 18

The houses were not builded. Neh. 7, 4

As a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation. I Cor. 3, 10

Is not this the Carpenter? Mark 6, 3

The carpenter stretcheth out his rule, he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes and he marketh it out with a compass. Isai. 44, 13

Build ye houses and dwell in them. Jer. 29, 5

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*Estimates* Luke 14, 27-30

*Foundations*

good and bad Luke 6, 48-49

sure II Tim. 2, 19; Isaiah 28, 16

*Materials*

lime Isaiah 33, 12

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|---|---|
| mortar | Gen. 11, 3; Ezek. 22, 28; Nahum 3, 14 |
| bricks, stone, wood | Isaiah 9, 10; Ex. 5, 7-8 |
| iron and nails | I Chron. 22, 3 |
| solder | Isaiah 41, 7 |
| slime pits | Gen. 14, 10 |
| brick kiln | Nahum 3, 14; Jer. 43, 9 |
| untempered mortar (four times) | Ezek. 13, 10-15 |

*Plans and Measurements*

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|---|---|
| —of a Tabernacle and its furniture | Ex. 25, 8-9 |
| —of a Temple and its courts, etc. | I Chron. 28, 10-12, 19 |
| measurements of a Temple, its chambers and gates | Ezek. 40, 41, 42, 43:13-17 |

*Preparations*

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|---|---|
| Make it fit . . . afterwards build | Prov. 24, 27 |
| Made ready before it was brought thither | I Kings 6, 7 |
| They prepared timber and stones | I Kings 5, 18 |

*Construction*

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|---|---|
| corner stones | Ps. 144, 12; Eph. 2, 18-22 |
| gates and joinings | I Chron. 22, 3 |
| beams and rafters | Song Sol. 1, 17 |
| wall, floor, ceiling, planks, porch - windows, lights, doors, posts, chamber - beams, winding stairs, carved figures, all named | I Kings 6 |
| chambers, windows, ceiling | Jer. 22, 14 |

*Repairs*

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| the word "repairs" occurs thirty times in | Neh. 3 |
| see also | II Kings 22, 6 |

*Tools*

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|---|---|
| axe | I Kings 6, 7; Ps. 74, 5-6 |
| hammer | Judges 5, 26 |
| plummet | Isaiah 28, 17 |
| ladder | Gen. 28, 12 |
| measuring rod | Zech. 2, 1; Ezek. 40, 3; 42, 15-20 |

*Nails*

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| in a Sure place | Isaiah 22, 23-25 |
| in Sisera's temples | Judges 4, 21 |
| in the Saviour's hands and feet | John 20, 25 |

*Builders' Workmen*

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| stone-masons | I Kings 5, 18; II Kings 12, 12 |
| carpenters | Ezra 3, 7; II Kings 12, 11; Zech. 1, 20 |
| builders | I Kings 5, 18 |

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Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it . . . the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is . . . If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. I Cor. 3, 11-14.

## CHAPTER XIV

### *Happenings in the Building World*

The people of the land . . . troubled them in building. Ezra 4, 4

The men (builders) did the work faithfully. II Chron. 34, 12

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| Stones hidden in a brick kiln | Jer. 43, 9 |
| A king's proclamation to build | II Chron. 36, 22-23 |
| A building scheme fails | Gen. 11, 3-9 |
| Building under difficulties | Neh. 4, 15-23 |
| Dishonest building | Jer. 22, 13-15 |
| Specifications for a three-story house | Gen. 6, 14-17 |
| A builder is cursed | Josh. 6, 26 |
| A collection is made for carpenters and builders | II Kings 12, 9-12 |
| Sweated brickmakers | Ex. 1, 11-14; 5, 6-19 |
| A builder assisted by his daughter | Neh. 3, 12 |
| A woman with a hammer | Judges 5, 26 |

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| A busy builder refuses an interview | Neh. 6, 2-4 |
| A private house takes thirteen years to build | I Kings 7, 1 |
| A huge staff and workmen | I Kings 5, 15-18 |
| A great city builder | Ex. 1, 11 |
| A King with three building schemes | I Kings 3, 1 |
| A workman loses his tool | II Kings 6, 4-7 |

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Thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Isai. 28, 16.

Jesus Christ, . . . whom ye crucified, . . . This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Acts 4, 10-11.

## CHAPTER XV

### *A Few Buildings*

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|---|---|---|
| A foolish | building | Gen. 11, 3-9 |
| A pitch-covered | " | Gen. 6, 14-16 |
| A priceless | " | I Kings 6; II Chron. 3; 4 |
| A portable | " | Numb. 10, 17; 9, 15-23 |
| A perishable | " | Matt. 7, 26-27 |
| A permanent | " | Luke 6, 47-48; I Cor. 3, 12-14 |
| A precious | " | I Peter 2, 5-6 |
| A promised | " | Jno. 14, 2-3 |

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For we know, that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. II Cor. 5, 1.

## CHAPTER XVI

### *Buying and Selling*

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| It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. | Prov. 20, 14 |
| Today and tomorrow we will . . . buy and sell and get gain. | James 4, 13-15 |
| I will surely buy it of thee at a price. | II Sam. 24, 24 |
| If ye think good, give me my price. | Zech. 11, 12 |
| When they come from the market. | Mark 7, 4 |
| He began to cast out them that sold therein and them that bought. | Luke 19, 45 |

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| Hasty buyers | Luke 14, 18-19 |
| Tardy buyers | Matt. 25, 8-10 |
| A bargain which caused bitterness | Gen. 25, 29-34; 27, 41-45 |
| Something which cannot be quoted for | Job 28, 12-28 |
| A bid for what could not be purchased | Acts 8, 18-21 |

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| Selling out | Matt. 13, 44; 19, 21-22; Luke 12, 31-34 |
| Sale ending in suicide | Matt. 26, 14-16; 27, 3-5; Acts 1, 16-19 |
| A secret sale and a sordid tale | Gen. 37, 26-34 |
| A double tragedy after a property sale | Acts 4, 34-37; 5, 1-10 |
| God and the Weighing Machine | |
| A What He sees of it | Prov. 11, 1; 20, 10; Deut. 25, 15-16 |
| B What He does with it | Job 28, 25; Luke 6, 38 |
| Buying and selling authorized only by a mark on the hand or forehead | Rev. 13, 16-17 |

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The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Matt. 13, 45-46.

## CHAPTER XVII

### *A List of Purchases*

| Purchase of: | |
|---|---|
| A wife | Ruth 4, 10 |
| Fine linen | Mark 15, 46 |
| A field—by a woman | Prov. 31, 16 |
| A burial ground | Gen. 23, 3-9; Acts 7, 16 |
| Corn | Gen. 42, 3-7 |
| Meat and water | John 4, 8; Deut. 2, 6 |
| A Hebrew servant | Ex. 21, 2-3 |
| Children of heathen | Levit. 25, 44-45 |
| A congregation | Ps. 74, 2 |
| Timber | II Kings 22, 6 |
| A threshing floor | II Sam. 24, 21; I Chron. 21, 22-25 |
| The Soul of man | I Cor. 6, 19-20 |
| Cattle | Ezra 7, 17 |
| Land | Luke 14, 18 |
| Oil | Matt. 25, 8-9 |
| Oxen | Luke 14, 19 |
| A field with trees | Gen. 23, 14-18; Matt. 27, 7-8; Jer. 32, 9-12 |

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| The poor—for a pair of shoes | Amos 8, 6 |
| What money *cannot* buy | Acts 8, 18-24 |
| What *can* be bought without money | Isai. 55, 1-3 |

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Ye are bought with a price. I Cor. 7, 23. . . . With the precious blood of Christ. I Pet. 1, 18-19.

## CHAPTER XVIII

### *A List of Sales—Strange and Otherwise*

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| A daughter | Ex. 21, 7-8 |
| A girl—for drink | Joel 3, 3 |
| A lad | Gen. 37, 26-28 |
| A family | Matt. 18, 25 |
| A birthright | Gen. 25, 32-33; Heb. 12, 16 |
| A dog | Deut. 23, 18 |
| A dwelling-house | Levit. 25, 29 |
| A thief | Ex. 22, 1-3 |
| Land for charity | Acts 4, 34-35; 2, 44-46 |
| Oil—to pay a debt | II Kings 4, 1-7 |
| An innocent Man | Matt. 27, 3-5 |
| Corn | Amos 8, 5 |
| A garment for a sword | Luke 22, 36 |
| A debtor | Matt. 18, 25 |
| An ass's head | II Kings 6, 25 |
| Ointment | John 12, 5 |
| Birds and animals | John 2, 14; Matt. 21, 12; 10, 29 |

Thus saith the Lord, ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. Isai. 52, 3.

## CHAPTER XIX

### *Means of Transport*

*Ordinary*

Upon horses, in chariots, in litters, upon mules and upon swift beasts. Isaiah 66, 20

The highways were unoccupied and the travellers walked through the byways. Judges 5, 6

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| Asses | I Kings 13, 13 |
| Carriers—that bear burdens | I Kings 5, 15 |
| Camels—that bear spices . . precious stones | I Kings 10, 2; II Kings 8, 9 |
| Horses—a King escapes on horseback | I Kings 20, 20 |
| —A furious driver | II Kings 9, 20 |
| Chariots—a passenger in a hurry | I Kings 12, 18; Gen. 41, 43 |
| Oxen | I Sam. 6, 7-8; II Sam. 6, 3-7 |

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| Ships—"Shipmen . . they came . . and fetched gold" | I Kings 9, 27-28 |
| —"The Navy also . . brought in . . great" "plenty of almug trees and precious stones" | I Kings 10, 11 |
| —"Once in three years came the Navy . . bringing gold, silver, ivory, and apes and peacocks" | I Kings 10, 22 |
| Rafts—"I will convey them by sea in floats" | I Kings 5, 9 |
| Wagons—"Carried in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent" | Gen. 46, 5 |
| Trains foreshadowed— | Dan. 12, 4 |
| Aeroplanes suggested— | Isaiah 5, 26-30; Ezek. 1 15-19 |

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"As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it." Isai. 31, 5.

(Note—British aeroplanes flew over Jerusalem in 1917 to defend the city from the Turks, from whom it had been taken.)

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| *Divinely Appointed* | |
| A whirlwind | II Kings 2, 11 |
| A flame of fire | Judges 13, 15-21 |
| The clouds | Ps. 104, 3; Acts 1, 6-11; Luke 21, 27-28; Rev. 1, 7 |
| Spiritual transport —for those who wait on God | Isaiah 40, 29-31; Ps. 103, 1-5 |
| Aerial transport —a future certainty for Believers only | I Thess. 4, 14-18; Matt. 24, 36-44 |

## CHAPTER XX

### *In the Judges' Court*

If one man sin against another the Judge shall judge him. — I Sam. 2, 25

He made a porch for the throne, where he might judge. — I Kings 7, 7

I wrote in the book the evidence and sealed it, and took witnesses—in the Court of the prison. — Jer. 32, 10-12

What a Judge should be. — Ex. 18, 21

Set Magistrates and Judges, which may judge all the people . . . all such as know the laws of thy God. — Ezra 7, 25

Thou shalt judge the people with just judgment. — Deut. 16, 18

Absalom said, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice. — II Sam. 15, 4

(The boast of a traitor.)

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| A wise judge settles a difficult case | I Kings 3, 15-28 |
| A life sacrificed through a false witness | I Kings 21, 9-13; Prov. 19, 5, 9 |
| Impartial law advocated | Levit. 24, 22 |
| A woman's application to the High Court | II Kings 8, 3-7 |
| A land with no Magistrate | Judges 18, 7 |
| The law administered | Ex. 22, 9 |
| A Preacher before the High Court | Acts 25, 10 |
| A Judge's wife has a dream | Matt. 27, 19 |
| A Judge unwillingly condemns an innocent Man | Matt. 27, 24-26 |
| Magistrates afraid | Acts 16, 20-23, 35-39 |
| A magistrate (Roman governor) expects a bribe | Acts 24, 24-26 |
| A prisoner's able defence | Acts 26, 1-32 |
| A damp dungeon | Jer. 38, 6 |
| Advice to avoid litigation | Matt. 5, 25-26 |
| Lawyers not baptised | Luke 7, 30 |
| Divorce laws | Matt. 5, 31-32 |
| Two kinds of witnesses | Prov. 14, 5 |
| False witnesses | Matt. 26, 59-61; 27, 13 |

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| Magistrates in a fix | Acts 16, 35-38 |
| Christ condemns the lawyers | Luke 11, 45-52 |
| Employers appeal to magistrates | Acts 16, 16-23 |

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God shall judge the righteous and the wicked. Eccles. 3, 17.

He cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with his truth. Ps. 96, 13.

## CHAPTER XXI

### *Creditors and Debtors*

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| How much owest thou? | Luke 16, 5 |
| Owe no man anything. | Rom. 13, 8 |

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| A generous creditor | Matt. 18, 23-27 |
| Imprisoned for debt | Matt. 18, 28-30 |
| A creditor demands two personal bonds | II Kings 4, 1 |
| Two discharged bankrupts—and another | Luke 7, 40-48 |
| Bad debts incurred | Ps. 37, 21 |
| Bad debts written off | Luke 7, 41-42 |

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Our Father which art in heaven, . . . Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Matt. 6, 12.

## CHAPTER XXII

### *Property Taxes, Investments, etc.*

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| He had great possessions. | Mark 10, 22 |
| He taxed the land. | II Kings 23, 35 |

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*Property*

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| Freehold and Leasehold | Lev. 25, 29-34 |
| Forsaken | Matt. 19, 29 |
| A birthright—sold | Gen. 25, 31-34 |
| " " squandered | Luke 15, 11-16; Heb. 12, 16 |
| " " sacrificed | I Chron. 5, 1-2 |

*Mortgage*

| | |
|---|---|
| of Houses and Lands | Neh. 5, 3-4 |

*Investments*

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|---|---|
| in a Bank | Luke 19, 22-23; Matt. 25, 27 |
| safe investments | Matt. 6, 19-21; 19, 21 |

*Taxes*

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|---|---|
| Taxes paid by means of a fish | Matt. 17, 24-27 |

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| An honest Tax Collector | Luke 19, 1-10 |
| Taxes approved by Christ | Luke 20, 21-25; Rom. 13, 1-7 |
| King's taxes | Ezra 4, 13, 20 |
| Certain persons exempt from toll, tribute and customs duty | Ezra 7, 24 |

*Census*

| | |
|---|---|
| A census of Romans | Luke 2, 1-3 |
| " " " Jews | Num. 1, 1-3, 19-20 |
| " " " Priests | Num. 1, 48-49; 3, 14-16 |
| " " " Males | Num. 3, 40 |
| An impossible Census | Rev. 7, 9 |
| An army census | I Chron. 21, 5 |

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A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12, 15.

## CHAPTER XXIII

### *Happenings in the Business World*

Thou bringest certain strange things to our ears. . . . The Athenians spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing. Acts 17, 20-21

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| Merchants in tears | Rev. 18, 10-11, 15-17 |
| The election of the Board of Guardians | Acts 6, 1-5 |
| A business man attacked by an Officer's wife | Gen. 39, 7-23 |
| A large contract for timber and food | I Kings 5, 1-11 |
| Business stopped and salesmen beaten | John 2, 13-16 |
| The King goes to bed in a temper, because unable to make a purchase | I Kings 21, 1-4 |

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| Foreign invasion prevented by a heavy tax | II Kings 15, 17-20; II Kings 23, 33-35 |
| A War Office Conference | Luke 14, 31-32 |
| A bargain struck with a boot | Ruth 4, 7-8 |
| Public testimony given to an honest man | I Sam. 12, 3-4 |
| A business partnership refused | I Kings 22, 48-49 |
| Sent on secret business for the King | I Sam. 21-2 |
| A contract for sale, recorded, sealed, witnessed, and cash handed over | Jer. 32, 9-12 |
| Corn is cornered and a curse pronounced thereon | Prov. 11, 26 |
| A Cabinet Minister's wise policy | Gen. 47, 13-26 |
| A town with no business | Judges 18, 7 |
| The result of too much business | Eccles. 5, 3 |
| A year's holiday from business for a newly married man | Deut. 24, 5 |
| A warning at a Council meeting | Acts 5, 34-39 |

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While Paul waited . . . at Athens his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to

idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons and in the market daily . . . He preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. Acts 17, 16-18.

## CHAPTER XXIV

### *Money*

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| Every man also gave him a piece of money. | Job 42, 11 |
| Current money with the merchant. | Gen. 23, 16 |
| Then shalt thou turn it into money. | Deut. 14, 25 |

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| Money hidden | Josh. 7, 20-26; Matt. 25, 18 |
| " lost | Luke 15, 8-10 |
| " stolen | Matt. 6, 19-21; II Kings 5, 21-27 |
| " found in a fish | Matt. 17, 27 |
| " found in the house | Luke 15, 9-10 |
| " found in a sack | Gen. 42, 27-28 |
| " collected in a box | II Kings 12, 9 |
| " deposited in a bag | John 12, 6; Prov. 7, 20 |
| " lent | Deut. 23, 19-20; Prov. 22, 7 |
| " borrowed | Ps. 37, 21 |
| " drawn up | Matt. 17, 27 |

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| Money cast in | Luke 21, 4 |
| " cast down | Matt. 27, 3-5; Mark 11, 15 |
| " changers | Matt. 21, 12 |
| A piece of money (Heb. gerah) | Ex. 30, 13 |
| A piece of money (Greek stater) | Matt. 17, 27 |
| Talent | Ex. 38, 24-27 |
| Shekel and half shekel | Gen. 23, 15; 24, 22; Ex. 38, 24-26; 30, 13-14 |
| Penny | Matt. 20, 2, 18, 28; 22, 19 |
| Farthing | Matt. 10, 29; 5, 26; Luke 12, 6 |
| Mite | Mark 12, 42; Luke 12, 59 |

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What money CANNOT do. Acts 8, 20.

What can be done WITHOUT money. Isai. 55, 1-2.

The love of money is the root of all evil. I Tim. 6, 10.

## CHAPTER XXV

### *Business Undertakings—Ancient and Modern*

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| Joseph went into the house to do his business. | Gen. 39, 11 |
| Everyone in his business. | Neh. 13, 30 |

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| *Land irrigation* | Ezek. 31, 4 |
| *Water Supply* | II Kings 20, 20; II Chron. 32, 30 |
| *Land surveying* | Num. 35, 4-5; Ezek. 40, 3-5; Josh. 18, 3-10; Ezek. 45,1-6 |
| *Property valuation* | Levit. 27, 11-25 |
| *Insurance* | |
| A marine loss | Acts 27, 21 |
| Compensation for personal injury | Ex. 21, 18-23 |
| Compensation for damage and loss of property | Ex. 21, 28-36 |
| Compensation for fire or accident | Ex. 22, 5-15 |
| A famine fund provided | Gen. 41, 46-49 |

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| *Money lending* | |
| Recommended | Matt. 25, 26-27 |
| Interest on loan, restrictions thereon | Deut. 23, 19-20 |
| Mortgage interest refunded | Neh. 5, 1-12; Lev. 25, 35-37 |
| Rebuke to money lenders | Neh. 5, 7 |
| Safe lending | Prov. 19, 17 |
| Bad borrowers | Ps. 37, 21 |
| Extortionate money lenders | Ps. 109, 11 |
| *An I. O. U.* | Philemon 18-19 |

Rome, A.D. 63

If he (Onesimus) hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

I, PAUL,

have written it with mine own hand,

I will repay it.

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| *Sureties* | |
| For friends, discouraged | Prov. 6, 1-5; 22, 16 |
| For stranger, punished | Prov. 11, 15; 20, 16 |

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Ye remember brethren our labour and travail (as tent makers) for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. I Thess. 2,9; Acts 18, 1-3.

## CHAPTER XXVI

### *Profits and Losses*

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| In all labour there is profit. | Prov. 14, 23 |
| A time to get and a time to lose. | Eccles. 3, 6, 9 |

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| Losses regained—Sheep | Luke 15, 4-6 |
| " " —Money | Luke 15, 8-9 |
| " " —A Son | Luke 15, 23-24 |
| " " —A Soul | Ezek. 34, 15-16; Matt. 18, 11 |
| Stolen property restored | Ex. 22, 1, 12; Deut. 6, 1-4 |
| Time lost to be paid for | Ex. 21, 18-19 |
| Lost property—how disposed of | Deut. 22, 1-3 |
| A Hunter's miscalculation—what profit? | Gen. 25, 31-34 |
| A worker's profit and loss account | I Cor. 3, 14-15 |
| A great Traveller's "P and L" statement | Phil. 3, 7-8 |

A Balance sheet of life — Matt. 16, 24-26; 10, 39

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Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. I Tim. 4, 8.

## CHAPTER XXVII

## *Wealth and Wealthy Men*

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| Riches are not for ever. | Prov. 27, 24 |
| Riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away | Prov. 23, 5 |
| Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth. | Deut. 8, 18 |
| Wise men die and leave their wealth to others. | Ps. 49, 10 |

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| A wealthy man's wish granted | II Chron. 1, 7-12 |
| A wealthy man's wish refused | Luke 16, 19-31 |
| A wealthy man tested by God | Gen. 22, 1-13 |
| A wealthy man tested by Satan | Job 2, 1-10 |
| A man who lost a fortune and gained a greater one | Job 42, 10-17 |
| A Prince's testimony after satisfying every desire | Eccles. 2, 4-11 |
| Two things better than riches | Prov. 16, 16; 22, 1 |
| A rich man discovers two kinds of rich men | Prov. 13, 7 |

Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased: for when he dieth, he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him. Ps. 49, 16-17.

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Matt. 6, 20.

## CHAPTER XXVIII

### *Correspondence—Chiefly Business*

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| He asked for a writing table. | Luke 1, 63 |
| They that handle the pen of the writer. | Judges 5, 14 |
| He wrote a letter the same time to . . the great men of the city | II Kings 10, 6 |
| The man which had the inkhorn by his side reported the matter. | Ezek. 9, 11 |
| The posts (postmen) went with the letters. | II Chron. 30, 6; Esther 3, 13-15 |

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| Letters written, sealed and posted to nobles in the city | I Kings 21, 8 |
| Writing on gold | Ex. 39, 30 |
| " " stone | Ex. 32, 16; 34, 1 |
| " " sticks | Ezek. 37, 15-20 |
| " " the ground | John 8, 4-9 |
| " in heaven | Luke 10, 19-20 |
| Two kings correspond | II Chron. 2, 11 |

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| A written proclamation | II Chron. 36, 22-23 |
| A written divorce | Matt. 5, 31-32 |
| Mysterious writing | Dan. 5, 5-7, 24-28 |
| Writing on a rod | Numb. 17, 2-3 |
| " on a cross | Jno. 19, 19-22 |
| " on gates | Rev. 21, 12 |
| " on foreheads | Rev. 14, 1 |
| " on the heart | Heb. 8, 10 |
| " with a pen | Isai. 8, 1; Jer. 17, 1 |
| " out a bill | Luke 16, 5-8 |
| " on stones, by elders | Deut. 27, 1-8 |
| Powerful letters | II Cor. 10, 9-10 |
| What a dumb man wrote | Luke 1, 62-64 |
| A lying letter | Ezra 4, 6-14 |
| A murderous letter | II Sam. 11, 14-15; II Kings 10, 1-7 |
| A forged letter (by a woman) | I Kings 21, 7-15 |
| Blasphemous letters | II Chron. 32, 17 |
| Letters about a queen | Esther 1, 9-22 |
| A song written and taught | Deut. 31, 19-22 |
| A dream written down | Dan. 7, 1 |
| Postmen hastened | Esther 3, 15 |
| " running | Jer. 51, 31; Job 9, 25 |
| " on horseback | Esther 8, 10 |

Ye are . . . the epistle of Christ . . . written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in the fleshy tables of the heart. II Cor. 3, 3.

## CHAPTER XXIX

### *Books*

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| When thou comest bring with thee books. | II Tim. 4, 13 |
| Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. | Jer. 36, 13 |
| What thou seest, write in a book. | Rev. 1, 11 |
| Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken . . . against Judah. | Jer. 36, 2 |
| I wrote them with ink in the book. | Jer. 36, 18 |

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| A printed book | Job 19, 23 |
| A bonfire of books | Acts 19, 18-22 |
| Book writing | John 21, 25; Eccles. 12, 12; Job 31, 35 |
| A book for the churches | Rev. 1, 9-11 |
| A book on law | Deut. 31, 24-26 |
| " " " anatomy | Ps. 139, 16 |
| " " of genealogy | Matt. 1, 1; Ezra 2, 62; I Chron. 9, 1 |
| A city's doom written in a book | Jer. 51, 58-64 |

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| War Office records | Ex. 17, 13-16 |
| Two books that really matter | Phil. 4, 3; Rev. 3, 5; 22, 18-19; 20, 12, 15 |
| A note book | Isaiah 30, 8 |
| The Holy book | II Peter 1, 20-21; II Tim. 3, 15 |
| Christ with a book | Luke 4, 16-21 |
| National records | Ezra 4, 14-15; 6, 1-2 |
| A book of remembrance | Malachi 3, 16; Ex. 17, 14 |
| A sealed book | Rev. 5, 2-9 |
| A little book eaten up | Rev. 10, 8-11 |

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There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, . . . but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21, 27; Phil. 4, 3.

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